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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Docket No. 96-45, DA 97-1439

Dear Chairman Hundt:

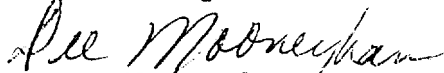
I urge you to support the Universal Service Order which allows discounted telecommunications rates to schools and libraries. I understand that SBC Communications is challenging this order.

Without these rates, libraries would not be able to afford to offer Internet access to all patrons free of charge. The gap between the information Haves and Have-Nots would widen.

I understand that the telephone companies need to make a profit; I own stock in one of the Bells myself! But it is very important to have our libraries provide equal access to information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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cc: William Caton, Acting Secretary
The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong

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Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
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Docket No. 96-45, DA 97-1439

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I was very disappointed to hear that SBC Communications, the parent company of our telecommunications system here, has challenged the "e-rate" discounted telecom service for libraries.

Our library system serves a number of rural customers, in an area with a very low education, income, and literacy rate. In spite of these drawbacks, our libraries are heavily used, with 63% of county residents in our 1500 square mile service area possessing a library card. We operate at a moderate level of service, and every year we use more electronic means of communication and information retrieval.

I have been eagerly awaiting the projected telecommunications discount as a way of doing more within our restricted budget. Savings on telecommunications costs in this area would enable this library system to buy more materials, and/or upgrade equipment, making service better for our library customers.

I sincerely hope that the F.C.C. will deny this challenge to discount telecommunication services to libraries.

Sincerely,

Starrett Kreissman
County Librarian

cc: William Caton, Acting Secretary, F.C.C.
Honorable Rachelle B. Chong, Commissioner, F.C.C.

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

Please deny the stay of the library telecommunication discount program that has been requested by SBC Communications, Inc.

For many years, public libraries in California have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with Pacific Bell. That company has been supportive of the role that libraries play in making information available to the public. And despite this support, Pacific Bell has managed to make handsome profits.

SBC Communications, the new owner of Pacific Bell, says that it can't afford to provide universal service to libraries and schools, even though it is making billions of dollars in profits.

The telecommunications discount is very important to financially-strapped rural libraries. Please allow the discount program to continue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raymond J. Schrott Jr.
County Librarian

cc: William Caton, Acting Secretary

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Dear Secretary Caton,

I urge you to oppose SBC Communications effort to stay discounted rates on telecommunications services for libraries and schools.

The Internet is becoming an ever greater learning and information tool for our children and the public in general. In California, our public libraries and schools continue to lag behind the demands and needs of our citizens. Public libraries in particular have had budgets reduced.

It would seem fair to go ahead with the discount program, give a break to those who need it to learn and perhaps improve their future and ours.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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